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SUBJ: PINDLING'S YMCA SPEECH - SPINY LOBSTER LEGISLATION

1. PRIME MINISTER PINDLING SPOKE MAY 9 BEFORE A YMCA AUDIENCE IN MIAMI. WHILE MOST OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO ROLE OF YOUTH IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BAHAMAS IS DRAFTING A NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHEME, PINDLING TOOK ADVANTAGE OF FLORIDA LOCUS TO DISCUSS SPINY LOBSTER LEGISLATION.

2. REMARKS ON LOBSTER CAME IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALL NATIONS AND THE UNDERSTANDING FORMER NEED TO SHOW FOR CONCERNS OF LATTER. NOTING SIMILARITY BETWEEN US AND GCOB LEGISLATION, PINDLING SAID "NOTWITHSTANDING THE RECIPROCAL NATURE OF THIS LEGISLATION IN ITS PRACTICAL EFFECT, AN ISSUE OF SOME SENSITIVITY MAY ARISE, BECAUSE OUR FISHERMEN DO NOT CATCH YOUR LOBSTER OFF YOUR CONTINENTAL SHELF, BUT RATHER YOUR FISHERMEN CATCH OUR LOBSTER OFF OUR CONTINENTAL SHELF."

3. PINDLING ADDED THAT "LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO ADD THAT, SUBJECT TO BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTLY A DIMINISHING RESOURCE, THERE IS NO INTENTION ON

THE PART OF THE BAHAMAS TO PREVENT THE EXPORT OF BAHAMIAN LOBSTER FROM THE BAHAMAS TO THE US. INDEED IT IS PRECISELY THE OPPOSITE; IT IS JUST THAT IN THE FUTURE I HOPE THAT THE GOURMETS AMONG YOU WILL CONTINUE TO EAT THE SPINY LOBSTER EITHER LABELLED 'CAUGHT IN THE BAHAMAS BY A BAHAMIAN VESSEL' OR 'A PRODUCT OF THE BAHAMAS'."

4. PINDLING ANNOUNCED THAT IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS HAVE STILL NOT COME INTO EFFECT, BUT THAT THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED "BEFORE THE AUGUST 1 COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1975-76 LOBSTER FISHING SEASON." HE SAID THAT NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS "HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF OUR INTENTION TO DECLARE THE BAHAMIAN LOBSTER A BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES RESOURCE." HE DID NOT REFER TO USG DEMARCHES TO GCOB MINEXTAFF ON THIS MATTER, NOR TO FACT THAT US IS CURRENTLY SEEKING BILATERAL TALKS.
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